

MESSAGE

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DATE 12 Jan 1982

FROM: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

TO : CJCS WASH DC

INFO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

NR : EC 9-1082

FROM GEN PALMER.

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Reference DEPT-BONN 1885 (Info Berlin 531) dtd 18 Feb 59.

1. The referenced State Department message to the Embassy Bonn embarks on a course of giving instructions directly to a subordinate component of this unified command stating that "Defense concurs".
2. US CINCEUR is the US military commander having area responsibility in Germany in accord with Executive Order 10608 dtd 5 May 55. The existing instruction from USCINCEUR to CINCUSAREUR is that General Norstad reserves to himself the initial formal contacts to initiate any tripartite planning of this sort. (EC 9-10125 dtd 2 Feb 59 NOTAL). The precise purpose of this instruction was to prevent Norstad losing control, without delegation of responsibility by him in a proper way. Not only does the referenced msg bypass CINCEUR's command authority, but portions of the msg are not even understood here.
3. Request that all military directives proceed through the military chain of command from the JCS through the unified commander from whom all subordinate commanders should receive their orders. The process being initiated by the referenced msg is exceptionally dangerous.

NOTE : REFS NOT IDENTIFIED

ACTION: GEN TWING(CJSC)

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1 copy to each Chief
1 copy to Mr JS

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